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of France**

In the face of blazing oil, liquid fire, poison gas and every other horror known to modern war, the British are slowly and stubbornly fighting their way to the Drocourt-Queant line, the gate to Douai and Cambrai and the principal link in the fetters welded on northern France by the Germans. Gen. Haig is hammering all along the line, but it is around Queant at the southern extremity that his success has been the most marked and a corresponding menace to the Germans. Queant is virtually pocketed.

The British also have driven their foes from one-half of Bullecourt after some of the grimmest fighting on the western front and unless the tide is promptly turned the village is lost to the Germans and the crushing in of the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant line is inevitable.

### HOLD PART OF ROEUX.

**British Pushed Ahead in the Center of  
Their Front.**

London, May 14.—The official communication from British headquarters in France last night was as follows:

"Early this morning the enemy made two further counter-attacks upon our positions in the Hindenburg line east of Bullecourt. In both cases his attacking troops were repulsed and left a number of dead in front of our trenches.

"During the past 10 days the Australian troops have gallantly maintained their positions in this sector of the Hindenburg line, having during that period repulsed at least 12 determined hostile counter-attacks.

"The greater part of the village of Bullecourt, which lies in the Hindenburg line, is now in our hands. North of the Scarpe our troops established themselves during the day in the western houses of Roeux and again made progress on the western slopes of Greenland hill, capturing a few prisoners.

"Early last night a hostile counter-attack east of Roeux cemetery was repulsed. We took 50 prisoners.

"There were patrol encounters last night northwest of St. Quentin and northeast of Le Verguier. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and our posts were advanced at certain points.

"Five German airplanes were brought down in air fighting yesterday; five others were driven down out of control. One other hostile machine was shot down in our lines by our anti-aircraft guns. Six of our airplanes are missing."

## FRENCH REPULSED EXPLORING PARTIES

**At Various Points of the Line and Paris  
Reports That German Losses  
Were Large.**

Paris, May 14.—The French last night repulsed German reconnoitering parties northeast of Vauxillon, north of Croonne, at Hill 108, and in Champagne the war office reports the German losses large.

## CHANCELLOR STILL STRONG In Spite of the Frequent Attacks from Many Sources.

Berlin, via London, May 14.—While the baiting of the imperial chancellor is going on the events of the past forty-eight hours would seem to indicate that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's position continues to be absolutely secure. The chancellor returned from a hurried visit to great headquarters Saturday morning and left the same night for Vienna after having spent the day in conferring with the Reichstag party leaders with respect to the interpellations on Germany's war aims.

Both his visit to great headquarters and his trip to the Austrian capital were made in connection with the chancellor's declaration covering the war aims, which he will submit to the Reichstag Tuesday. Both the government and the middle road parties are desirous of avoiding an extensive acrimonious debate, and representatives of the latter will unite in a joint statement or present independent coinciding declarations.

It is contended that the chancellor holds enough strong cards in the present military situation, the success of the U-boats, the record sixth war loan and the improvement in the food situation to beat off his opponents, who have been at his heels for months past.

## ZEPPELIN L-22 BROUGHT DOWN

**The British Admiralty An-  
nounced in Official State-  
ment Made To-day**

## GREAT AIRSHIP FELL INTO THE NORTH SEA

**British Naval Forces Were  
Successful in the  
Encounter**

London, May 14.—British naval forces destroyed the Zeppelin L-22 in the North Sea this morning, according to an official admiralty statement.

## WHEAT TRADING HALTED AT CHICAGO

**Saturday's Closing Figures Given as the  
Maximum at Which Settlements  
May Be Made.**

Chicago, May 14.—All trade in the wheat exchange to close on existing contracts was ordered stopped for two days by the directors of the Board of Trade to-day. Saturday's closing figures were given as a maximum at which settlements may be made. All trading in corn and oats for May delivery was ordered discontinued. May wheat was eliminated Saturday.

Extreme declines of from nine to twelve cents in July and September wheat came as the result of the order of the board. Two days' cessation of trading was decided upon to give time for the representatives of the boards in the country to come here for a meeting to discuss concerted action to curb the runaway tendency of grain prices. Telegrams were sent last night, urging the boards to have representatives here to-morrow.

## FOOD SPECULATORS CALLED "PIRATES" BY SENATORS

**Senator Thomas Purposes Abolishment  
of Activities of Stock Exchanges,  
Etc., During War.**

Washington, D. C., May 14.—"Pirates" and "robbers" were terms applied by senators to food speculators during the Senate debate to-day on proposals to abolish futures trading in food. Lamp post hangings as a remedy were again referred to.

Suspension during the war of all stock exchanges, boards of trade and chambers of commerce which permit speculation in futures on foodstuffs was proposed to-day by Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, as an amendment to the administration espionage bill. Senator Thomas said he had received scores of demands from the public that gambling in the necessities of life during the war be stopped and cited the recent soaring of wheat futures to show the need for immediate action by Congress.

Senators Overman and Lewis pleaded against lowering down the espionage measure with irrelevant amendments. The latter said, however, that some provision like this must be made eventually for the benefit of the country.

## TWO BIG SHIPS U-BOAT VICTIMS BUT NO LIVES LOST

**The Medina of 12,350 Tons and the Om-  
rah of 8,000 Tons Were Lost in  
Almost the Same Lo-  
cation.**

New York, May 14.—The British passenger steamship Medina of 12,350 tons gross, owned by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on April 26 off Plymouth, according to American passengers arriving here from England.

The same day in almost the same location the steamer Omrah of 8,000 tons, owned by the Orient Steam Navigation Co., was also torpedoed and sunk, the passengers of the Medina said. No lives were lost on either ship. On board the Medina were the crews of two other torpedoed ships.

## BALFOUR VISITED ROOSEVELT.

**Distinguished Englishman Went to Oyster Bay for Interview.**

New York, May 14.—Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour of Great Britain, head of the war mission to the United States, spent a somewhat militant Sunday, although it was supposed to be a day of rest for the weary envoys.

In the morning the British statesman went to the cathedral of St. John the Divine, where he listened to a war sermon by Rev. Dr. Charles H. Brent, Episcopal bishop of the Philippines. In the afternoon he went to Oyster Bay for a visit to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who wants to head a force of American volunteers to fight in France. There were no formal entertainments for Mr. Balfour's colleagues and they spent the day as they pleased.

There was a distinguished congregation at the cathedral. Mr. Balfour occupied a pew with Joseph H. Choate and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador. The cathedral was crowded, although admission was by card only.

## 15 CENTS PER LOAF.

**Bread Rises Again at St. Johnsbury—  
Loaves Slightly Heavier.**

St. Johnsbury, May 14.—Local bakers have advanced the price of bread from 12 to 15 cents per loaf, effective this morning. This is the second rise in price in eight months, the other taking effect Oct. 30, when the price went from 10 to 12 cents. The loaf will be two pounds. The output of bread in St. Johnsbury amounts to about 40,000 loaves per day.

## SAW TORPEDO FLASH UNDER BOW

**Crew of Mongolia Tell of Second Encoun-  
ter with Submarine on Their Re-  
turn Trip to the United  
States.**

(Without location) May 14.—The American steamship Mongolia, from which the country's first shot in the war with Germany was fired with such accuracy that a German submarine was sunk, arrived at the American port yesterday from Europe, bringing a report by the officers of another apparent encounter with a U-boat.

The second adventure was on May 4, according to Lieut. Bruce M. Ware, the man who commanded the naval gun crew which disposed of the submarine on April 10.

The Mongolia was on her homeward voyage, Lieut. Ware said, when about midnight on May 4 the wake of what was believed to be a torpedo was seen ahead in the moonlight. The missile, if it was one, passed under the ship's bow. No submarine was sighted, but a shot was fired from one of the Mongolia's guns in the direction from which the supposed torpedo had come and nothing further was heard or seen to indicate a submarine's presence.

The gunners on the Mongolia were jubilant upon their arrival. They reiterated their conviction that the shot on April 10 sank the submarine. It was fired, Lieut. Ware said, by James A. Goodwin, gunner's mate, of Portsmouth, Va. Lieut. Ware declared that through his glasses he saw the shot strike the U-boat's periscope and that the hit was followed by a cloud of white vapor, as though an internal explosion had been caused. After that the submarine did not reappear, he said.

## PLEASED WITH PLATTSBURG.

**Major-General J. Franklin Bell Visited  
Camp Sunday.**

Plattsburg, N. Y., May 14.—Major-General J. Franklin Bell, commander of the department of the east, who spent yesterday at the Plattsburg training camp, returned to New York late last evening. He toured the country surrounding the camp with Lieut.-Colonel Wolf, camp commander, to ascertain for himself its adaptability for training and manœuvring soldiers. Upon his return he said the country was particularly well adapted to camp purposes.

To a committee of representative Plattsburg city officials the general said: "I am convinced that it is an ideal spot for the training of soldiers during the summer months. For five or possibly six months of the year no better place could be selected, but because of the rigorous winters of this section I do not believe it could be used to advantage during those months for the training of large bodies of men, much of the training of which must be done in the open; but there is no telling what the exigencies of the present war may require and it may become necessary to keep a large number of troops at the post throughout the winter."

General Bell was offered the use of a furnished house in the city for himself and wife for the summer, but he declined the offer, saying that while he appreciated the kindness of the citizens he had during his entire army career, since 1874, made it a practice never to enjoy comforts or luxuries which were not enjoyed by the men of his command.

General Bell stated, however, that he would be pleased to rent the property for the use of the six trained nurses, who are to be on duty at the post hospital during the summer, and this arrangement was made.

## ANOTHER PLATTSBURG CAMP.

**Second Will Be Held After First Con-  
tingent Leaves.**

New York, May 14.—The full quota of 40,000 men, which the war department requested for the officers' training camps throughout the country, was recruited within 20 days of the issuance of the call, Capt. Arthur F. Cosby, of the Military Training Camps association, announced here last night.

Following the completion of the first camps, which will begin their work Tuesday, Capt. Cosby said, it is expected another series of camps will be held, probably in August.

"Men who were eligible, but were not selected for the first camp, will have an opportunity to make application for this new camp," said Capt. Cosby. "It is not necessary for men who contemplate going to the second camp to send in their applications now, as due announcement will be given in the newspapers."

"We will urge the war department to announce as early as possible the date of the opening of the next camp so as to allow ample time to conduct the preliminary recruiting and examination in a more satisfactory manner than the recent emergency campaign."

"We shall urge most strongly that, with three months' notice and preparation, the merits of each individual applicant may be passed on more satisfactorily and the army authorities themselves will be better able to select the successful candidates and give them a reasonable notice in order that they may wind up their affairs, preparatory to entering into active service."

## DIED FROM FALL.

**Royal Sleeper, 60, of Brattleboro Was  
Night Watchman.**

Brattleboro, May 14.—Royal Sleeper, 60, night watchman at the Fort Dunbar cotton mill, was found dead yesterday morning at the foot of a flight of iron stairs. Dr. Henry Tucker, health officer, who was summoned, said that Mr. Sleeper suffered from vertigo and that he had undoubtedly fallen as he was descending the stairs. Injuries to his head caused death.

Mr. Sleeper had wound his watchman's clock on the second floor at 2 o'clock and his death undoubtedly took place a few minutes after that hour. The body was found by the day watchman when he came on duty. Mr. Sleeper had lived in this town for 10 years and had been an attendant at the Brattleboro retreat at one time. He leaves one son, a resident of Albany, N. Y.

Forrest Cutler of Orange was brought to the city hospital to-day for treatment.

## RECRUIT ARMY TO WAR SIZE

**Pres. Wilson Has Author-  
ized the Expansion of  
the Regulars**

## AS CONTEMPLATED IN BILL IN CONGRESS

**About One-Third of the  
183,000 to Be Added  
Has Been Secured**

Washington, D. C., May 14.—The expansion of the regular army to full war strength, which is contemplated in the administration army bill has been authorized by President Wilson. The organization of new regiments will begin to-morrow. About 65,000 of the 183,000 men to be added to the army have been recruited.

## BALFOUR RETURNS TO WASHINGTON FOR A BRIEF SOJOURN

**His Business in United States About  
Completed, He Will Shortly Go to  
Canada and Then Return  
to England.**

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign secretary, and most of the members of the British mission arrived in Washington to-day, following their three days' welcome by New York City. They planned to remain here several days before leaving probably for Canada and England.

## FOUR DIED DURING FIRE.

**And \$200,000 Damage Was Done at Man-  
chester, N. H.**

Manchester, N. H., May 14.—Four persons lost their lives and more than a score barely escaped in their night clothes in a fire which destroyed the Weston & Fitts building on Elm street early yesterday. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

The dead are Miss Jennie Moffit, 60 years of age, whose body was found in her room on the top floor of the building; William Hickey, 50 years, a mill operative; Omar Goddard, also an operative, and John Shaw, 50 years, a furniture dealer, who died of heart failure during the fire.

The blaze, which is believed to have originated in the basement of the building, spread so rapidly that a general alarm was sounded and assistance was called from surrounding towns. The damage was confined to the Weston & Fitts block.

The lower floor of the building was occupied by stores and the two upper floors by apartments.

## OLD RESIDENTS OF PLAINFIELD.

**Lovell Spaulding and Mrs. Luella (Colby)  
Camp Dead.**

Plainfield, May 14.—Lovell Spaulding, aged 92 years, died Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Lee Lane. Mr. Spaulding had been in failing health for many months. He is survived by one son and three daughters. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, with burial in the village cemetery.

Word was received Saturday of the death of Mrs. Henry Camp of Watertown, Me. Mrs. Camp had pneumonia which was followed by a shock. Luella Susan Colby was born May 4, 1860, the youngest child of Moses and Eunice Colby, on the farm near Plainfield springs, recently purchased by L. C. Swain. Miss Colby married Henry Camp of Randolph, who came to Plainfield to reside. Three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter. Only one survives her, Mrs. Edgar Smith, with whom she made her home. She is also survived by one brother, Moses Colby, and a nephew, E. J. Colby, of this town; also a niece, Mrs. Myrtle O'Neil of Barre and niece, Mrs. Florence O'Neil of Williamstown, besides several nieces and nephews in the west. The funeral and burial will take place at Watertown, Me., on Tuesday.

## BOSTON'S GREETING TO VIVIANI.

**Frenchman Was Greeted Enthusiastical-  
ly All Along the Route.**

Boston, May 14.—Boston gave a warm greeting yesterday to Rene Viviani, former premier of France and head of the French war mission to the United States. The distinguished visitor, coming a day after the city had outstretched its arms to Marshal Joffre, was feasted, toasted and cheered by thousands.

Despite a cold drizzling rain, M. Viviani and his party were taken through streets decorated with the colors of France, Great Britain and the United States and were applauded enthusiastically wherever they went.

Accorded a welcome by Governor McCall, Mayor Curley and other state and city officials, the French statesman later was the center of a reception in the Boston public library. A visit to the home of A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard university, and to the Widener Memorial library of that institution, together with another reception and dinner at the Boston City club made up the day's entertainment.

## BURIAL AT WASHINGTON.

**Funeral of Mrs. Herbert Taylor Was  
Held in Marshfield.**

The funeral of Mrs. Herbert Taylor, who died at her home in Marshfield last week, was held here Saturday at 9:30 a. m., Rev. A. W. Hewitt officiating. Burial was in the family lot in the Washington cemetery. The bearers were Aaron Richardson, Sylvester Richardson, Henry Hartson and Ed. Hartson.

The flowers included: Pillow, husband, son, daughter and brother; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Holt; roses, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flinders and Edgar Comstock; carnations and mixed flowers, Dean Ladd.

## MORE BOYS VOLUNTEER

**And Their Companions Give Them a  
Rousing Send-Off.**

Two volunteers were added to-day to the quota of Barre boys whose voluntary enlistments have gone to swell the ranks of the Headquarters and other companies of the 1st Vermont regiment at Fort Ethan Allen. Lee Maiden, a student at Spaulding high school and an active figure in three branches of schoolboy athletics, and George E. Bartlett are the latest enlistments filed with Sergt. Maj. N. W. Hooker, who was in the city Friday and Saturday. Maiden and Bartlett were off for the reservation this morning to take their examinations and a company of 75 lads from Spaulding were permitted to make their escape from class rooms in order to give the new recruits a rousing send-off at the station. The boys left Barre at 8:25 o'clock and before their departure each was loudly cheered. Returning to the school building, the Spaulding students formed in line and executed fantastic drills at the instance of a flag bearer, pausing at two points along the line of march to salute with loud hurrahs, their departed comrades.

A third recruit to be signed up Saturday was Ernest Lafayette of west hill, a barber at the Holt shop. Mr. Lafayette is at the fort already. He is the second among the younger barbers of Barre to offer himself to his country. Rodney Peake, an employee of the Ross shop, having left for the reservation last Wednesday. Clarence Curtis of Orange, formerly a clerk in the Barre Savings bank, returned to his company this morning after a week-end visit in town. Norman Gordon, another Spaulding student, has been accepted for the mounted orderly section, according to word received by his father, John W. Gordon. The young man accompanied the detail of 17 recruits who went to Fort Ethan Allen last week. Glenn George and John Honey have returned to the fort after a week-end visit here. Sergt. Maj. Hooker was back on the reservation yesterday.

## FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED.

**That of Miss A. Hortense Smith Held  
Sunday Afternoon.**

The funeral of Miss A. Hortense Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith, whose death occurred in Pasadena, Cal., May 3, was held at the Smith home on Maple avenue Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, where a very large number of the young woman's friends came together to pay tribute to her memory. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, was the officiating clergyman and those who acted as bearers were: Donald Smith, V. E. Ayers, Alexander Duncan and Fred Bird. Mrs. M. D. Lamb sang, "The End of a Perfect Day" and "Face to Face," the violin obligato and piano accompaniments being played by Mrs. Edwin Bruce and Miss Mildred Phelps. Interment was made in Hope cemetery. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Among those from away who attended the funeral were: Arthur B. Smith, an uncle of Boston; Mrs. Florence L. Smith of Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. E. Royce of Portland, Ore.; Arthur Newcomb of Woburn, Center, Dr. and Mrs. Leo Newcomb of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Standish of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bacon and daughter of Morrisville and Miss Mabel Kelly of Burlington.

## PELL UNDER TRAIN.

**A. E. Oakes, Rutland, R. R. Brakeman,  
Instantly Killed.**

Bennington, May 14.—A. E. Oakes, a Rutland railroad brakeman whose home is at Leicester Junction, was instantly killed about 11:30 o'clock Sunday forenoon when he fell from the top of a freight car in the local yard and one set of trucks passed over his body. John Howland, another brakeman, was standing beside the train when Oakes fell and attempted to drag the unfortunate man from under the wheels, but was unsuccessful.

Oakes was running on the through freight over the Chatham division. The accident happened while the crew was engaged shifting cars in the lower section of the yard. It is believed that Oakes missed his footing and fell while attempting to pass the opening between two cars.

The body, which was badly mangled, was taken to a local undertaking establishment.

## RETURNS OF OWN ACCORD.

**Frank Thompson Cannot Account for  
His Disappearance.**

White River Junction, May 14.—Frank Thompson, for whom the residents of the whole town of Hartford have been searching since last Tuesday noon, returned voluntarily to his home here Saturday night at 11 o'clock. There is no doubt but that his mind is seriously affected. The first remark that Thompson made upon his reaching the house was that he didn't know he had caused so much excitement just because he had been away one day.

Shortly after that he said: "I have just got back from three days at Bethlehem," and a little later he remarked that he expected when he left in the morning to find a light burning in the window to guide him home at night. He does not seem to realize that he has been in the woods for nearly a week.

With the exception of torn shoes and considerable growth of beard his appearance did not show that he had suffered any great hardship from exposure. His pockets were found full of cookies.

Thompson did not recognize his employer, Carl W. Cameron, when he saw him this morning. He doesn't seem to know where he has been or what he has done and his answers to questions are vague and uncertain.

## EXPIRED ON TRAIN.

**Charles Pelky of Alburg Had Been in  
St. Albans.**

St. Albans, May 14.—Charles Pelky of Alburg, who has been visiting in St. Albans four weeks, died on a Rouses Point train this morning. Dr. W. R. Arnold was called and he pronounced that death was due to cerebral apoplexy. Mr. Pelky had a shock about two years ago. He was about 70 years of age. The body was brought to this city and will be taken to Alburg.

## BULLET WENT THROUGH COAT

**Private Herman Raymond  
Had Narrow Escape  
a Swanton**

## HE WAS GUARDING MUNITIONS PLANT

**Soldier Dropped to Ground  
and Commenced Fir-  
ing in Return**

Swanton, May 14.—Private Herman Raymond of Co. B, 1st Vermont infantry, was shot by an unknown person while on outpost duty at the plant of the Remington Arms Co. here last night at 9:30 o'clock. The bullet passed through his overcoat but did not injure him.

Private Raymond was walking his post when suddenly a shot rang out. At once the guardsman dropped to the ground and commenced firing in the direction from which the sound came. After firing two shots he called to the sergeant of the guard and a patrol was formed. A search was made in the vicinity but no intruder was found. The shooting is being investigated.

## CO. B RANKS FILLING.

**Sixteen Recruits Have Been Accepted  
Since Saturday.**

St. Albans, May 14.—Company B, 1st Vermont infantry, National Guard, has increased in numerical strength 16 men since last Saturday, all but two of the recruits being Swanton men and the others being from St. Albans. If all the men are accepted when they take the examination at Fort Ethan Allen, the ranks of Company B will be practically full, lacking but five men of war strength.

## FORMER BARRE MAN.

**Francis Duffy Died in Syracuse Saturday  
Night.**

A telegram received here Saturday night by J. F. Higgins brought tidings of the death of Francis Duffy, which occurred in the afternoon at Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Duffy was a son of the late Capt. Hugh A. Duffy, formerly a well known resident of Barre. The deceased himself made his home here for many years, removing to Syracuse around two years ago. Mr. Duffy spent much of his boyhood in Barre and as a young man he was employed hereabouts as a book-keeper. To turn him up and down the New England circuit he was familiarly known in the days when Barre was a stamping ground for fine horses. Mr. Duffy often served as clerk of the course at race meets and was an authority on horses that had made their mark in the world of the turf. In later years he acted as the Barre representative of a granite-retailing concern.

Details of Mr. Duffy's illness and death were not included in the message received here. The only near relative surviving is his sister, Mrs. P. J. Johnson of Syracuse. The deceased was a member of Barre council, Knights of Columbus, and St. John's court, C. O. F. It is thought that the funeral and interment will take place in Syracuse.

## DISCUSSED CATHOLICISM.

**Ministers' Monday Club Held Monthly  
Meeting in Barre.**

Fifteen clergymen gathered in the vestry of the First Baptist church this forenoon for the regular monthly meeting of the Ministers' Monthly club. Rev. Joseph F. Piani, pastor of the Italian Baptist mission in this city, read a paper entitled, "Roman Catholicism," after which there was an earnest discussion with a number of ministers participating. The president of the club, Rev. Edgar Crossland, acted as chairman, and Envoy Sherwood of the local Salvation Army corps led the devotional exercises. Before adjourning for dinner at noon it was resolved to hold the next meeting in the Congregational church at Berlin Corners.

The following clergymen were present: Revs. F. Blinfield and Revs. Ivan H. Benedict, Horace B. Haskell, L. O. Sherburne and L. C. Carson of Montpelier, Rev. C. E. Bingham of Northfield, Rev. Frank Blomfield of Berlin, and Revs. James Ramage, B. G. Lipsky, J. B. Reardon, E. Crossland, B. J. Leigh, J. P. Piani and J. W. Barnett and Envoy C. G. Sherwood of Barre.

## LICENSE TRANSFERRED.

**P. Luchina Gies from North Main to  
Granite Street.**

At a meeting of the county license commissioners, W. H. Ward, R. Luchina and E. B. House of Berlin, this morning, P. Luchina was given permission to transfer his seventh class license from North Main street to 33 Granite street. No one appeared to object to the change. The commissioners also voted to close all saloons between the hours of noon and 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the patriotic celebration, flag raising and Red Cross benefit.

## RESIGNATION RUMORED.

**State's Attorney Fred E. Gleason De-  
clined to Make Statement.**

It is rumored in Barre and Montpelier that Fred E. Gleason of Montpelier has resigned as state's attorney and that his letter of resignation is in the hands of Gov. Graham. When asked concerning the rumor, Mr. Gleason declined to affirm or to deny but referred the interviewer to Gov. Graham. The latter official was not in Montpelier to-day.

## MORRISVILLE BOY PROMOTED.

**H. S. Thayer, Recruit to Navy, Sent to  
Washington.**

Morrisville, May 14.—H. S. Thayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thayer, who enlisted in the navy a short time ago as yeoman, has been assigned to the navy at Washington, D. C., recruiting office. Thayer was 17 years of age, a stenographer and typist. This comes in the nature of advancement.